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Even in the first year of the Fifth (second postwar) Five-Year Plan gigantic new constructions were started on the Volga, Dnepr, and Amu-Dar'ya. Large hydroelectric power stations with a total capacity of 4 million kilowatts, which will produce 22 billion kilowatt-hours of electric power per year, will be constructed. Six million hectares of land will be irrigated, and more than 22 million hectares will be supplied with water. Of the new hydroelectric power stations being constructed, the Tsimlyanskaya Hydroelectric Power Station on the Don is already nearing completion.

The great construction work will introduce radical changes in the economy of the Soviet Union by yielding more power, grain, and cotton from the irrigated lands, and wool from grazing regions which will be supplied with water. However, the construction work in the second and following postwar five-year plans, of course, will not be limited to these great constructions. The construction of new metallurgical plants, coal mines, ore mines, machine-building enterprises, chemical combines, large steam-electric power stations, petroleum and other industrial enterprises and new railroads will be even greater than in the first postwar Five-Year Plan. The prospects for development of the East with its inexhaustible and varied natural resources are especially great.

The geography of the national economy of the Soviet Union will be changed radically. large oasis with canals, new towns and highways will appear in the arid steppes and deserts, and new large industrial regions will arise in the taiga.

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